Year Ended	Potentially Viable Units		Of Which Units Put under Nursing	
	No. of Units	Amount Out-Standing	No. of Units	Amount Out-Standing
		(Rs. Crore)		(Rs. crore)
March 1993	1764	205.71	1014	143.49
March 1994	1153	159.36	771	135.41
March 1995	1127	106.60	710	79.82

However, district-wise data is not available whb- RBI.

Fruitful Research on Public Health Problems by ICMR

1125. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual budget of ICMR;

(b) whether any fruitful research or work has been done on public health problem by ICMR;

(c) if so, what has been the contribution of ICMR in malaria control, dengue control and other such types of diseases;

(d) whether any Government benefit anyalysis will be done by ICMR; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE *OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) (a) During the current year, the total provision allocated for the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is Rs. 62.00 crores including Plan and Non-Plan.

(b) and (c) ICMR's research activities address the thrust areas of public health, including research on major communicable and non-communicable diseases. The National Institute of Virology, Pune has; helped in conducting serological investigations during the recent outbreak of Dengue in Delhi and some neighbouring areas.

The Council's Malaria Research Centre, is engaged in research on epidemiological, entomological, immunological, clinical as well as basic aspects of malaria. The Centre has formulated the Integrated Disease Vector Control (IDVC) for control of mosquito vectors through bio-environmental methods, community awareness and participation so as to minimise the use of synthetic insecticides. Studies have also been undertaken to evaluate the use of indigenous, economic and environmentally compatible products as mosquito repellants.

(d) and (e) The Council has a peer review system for assessing the progress of scientific work done, under which the Scientific Advisory Committees/Groups of the Council review the research activities in the respective areas, with the Scientific Advisory Board overviewing the entire scientific activities of ICMR. In addition, the Reviewing Committee set up periodically by the Government also review from time to time the overall progress of work done by the Council.